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REMARKS

The indication that claims 1-6 have been allowed and that claims 8-10 include patentable subject matter is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 8 has been added to claim 7 and claims 8 and 11 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 11 as unpatentable over TIEDEMANN, JR. et al. 5,914,950 in view of BISHOP et al. 6,850,512 are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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